

In The Claims

Please cancel Claim 2-5, 11, and 12. Please enter the amended Claim 1 as shown in Attachment A in clean form and in marked-up or "red-lined" form on Attachment B, all as required by 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1). Please enter new claims 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 as shown in Attachment A in clean form and in marked-up or "red-lined" form on Attachment B, all as required by 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1).

REMARKS

This letter is in response to the examining attorney's office action dated August 14, 2002. In that office action, the examining attorney noted the election of Species VI of Figure 7 (readable on Claims 1-13, 21, and 22), accepted the drawings, rejected Claim 1, 6-11, 21, and, 22 under 35 USC 102(b), rejected Claim 13 under 35 USC 103(a), and objected to Claims 2-5 and 12.

Applicant is submitting in this response: (1) the cancellation of Claim 2-5, 11, and 12; (2) an amendment to Claim 1; (3) new claims 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27; (4) an amendment to the Specification; and (5) remarks regarding: the drawings, the 102(b) rejection, the 103(a) rejection, and the objections.

Drawings

Applicant appreciates the examiner's determination that the drawings are acceptable. Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings should no longer be objected to under 37 CFR §1.84(p)(5). Applicant has amended the specification as shown in Attachment A and Attachment B herein to include the reference signs "32"